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Railtown 1897 Celebrates 4th of July Extended Holiday with Live Music & Memorable Train Rides! *Special Holiday Activities Offered July 4-6*

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – The 4th of July extended holiday is a perfect time to visit Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) and enjoy memorable train rides behind the “Movie Star Locomotive” Sierra No. 3 or a vintage diesel locomotive while being entertained by festive live music performed by local musicians. Train rides behind Sierra No. 3 are available on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5. On Sunday, July 6, interested guests will be treated to a train ride behind a vintage diesel locomotive. As a special treat on the 4th of July, live music will be provided under the shade of the tulip tree by “The Bothers Strong and Co,” an up and coming, folk-grass band performing originals and classics.

Train ride passengers will be treated to a six-mile, 45-minute round trip ride along the rails of the famous “Movie Railroad,” passing through California’s scenic Gold Country where scenes from many Hollywood movies were filmed. The historic locomotives depart on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. all three days of the extended holiday. Tickets for all holiday train excursion rides include Park admission and cost \$15 for adults, \$8 for youths ages 6-17 and kids five and under are free. Advance train ride tickets are available online or at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. the day of the train ride on a first-come, first-served basis depending on availability.

Guests are encouraged to spend the day at Railtown 1897 SHP by touring the Park and learning more about its authentic railroad facilities and fascinating role in the Hollywood and television industry. Also, guests are invited to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn while enjoying the extended holiday.

Advance train ride tickets are available at www.railtown1897.org and more information about excursion train rides or Railtown 1897 SHP in general is available by calling 209-984-3953.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides on weekends April-October and on Wednesdays July 2 through August 27, 2014 (with special trains on select dates in November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open daily (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day) and the Park’s operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org